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SUBJ: EXPULSION FROM INDONESIA OF AMCIT MATHEW MILLER AND
FILIPINA WIFE

1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CONSULAR OFFICER FEBRUARY 23, MR. MILLER WHO DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS A FREE LANCE REPORTER WITH THE PACIFIC NEWS SERVICE BASED IN THE PHILIPPINES, VISITED EMBASSY SEEKING REASON FOR HIS EXPULSION FROM BALI ON FEBRUARY 22 BY INDONESIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS. HE REPORTED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE VIVYAN HAD BEEN ROUSTED FROM THEIR BEDS AT THE BALI HOTEL AT MIDNIGHT, JANUARY 21, SEARCHED AND PLACED UNDER GUARD BEFORE BEING PUT ABOARD AIRCRAFT WHICH BROUGHT THEM TO SINGAPORE.

2. MR. MILLER DURING HIS INTERVIEW WITH CONOFF CLAIMED TO HAVE NO IDEA OF THE REASON FOR HIS EXPULSION. HE STATED THAT HE HAD PROPER PRESS IDENTIFICATION AND HAD OBTAINED A VISA FROM THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY AT KUALA LUMPUR FOR THE PURPOSE OF COVERING THE ASEAN SUMMIT. CONOFF EXPLAINED TO MR. MILLER THAT EMBASSY INQUIRING INTO REASON FOR HIS EXPULSION COULD BE INTERPRETED AS U.S. INTERVENTION INTO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY AND SUGGESTED THAT HE PRIVATELY SEEK INFORMATION FROM THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY.

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3. FEBRUARY 24 STRAITS TIMES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE STATED THAT MILLER AND WIFE'S NAMES WERE GIVEN TO INDONESIAN SECURITY

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AUTHORITIES BY PHILGESIGI INTELLIGENCE AFTER THEY WERE INFORMED BY INTERPOL THAT MILLERS WERE ENGAGED IN POSSIBLE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT MARCOS ON EVE OF HIS ARRIVAL FOR ASEAN TALKS.

4. SINGAPORE AFTERNOON DAILY "NEW NATION" FOLLOWED WITH ARTICLE HEADLINES "EXPELLED COUPLE TELLS OF BALI NIGHTMARES". MILLER IN ARTICLE DESCRIBED THAT CHARGE OF BEING INVOLVED IN AN AS-SASSINATIONRQLOT IS A RIDICULOUS ACCUSATION. HE STATED THAT HE IS NOW FEARFUL OF RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN THE PHILIPPINES. ALTHOUGH UNCERTAIN WHERE TO GO FROM HERE, HE PLANS TO WRITE A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT FOR THE "FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW." HOLDRIDGE

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